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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 7139

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SALVADOR/HONDURAS DISPUTE: MEDIATOR'S VISIT TO THE
AREA

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4077

1. EX-PRESIDENT BUSTAMANTE IS NOT EXPECTING TO MAKE RAPID
PROGRESS IN HIS MEDIATOR'S ROLE. HE HAS COMPLAINED
PRIVATELY TO ME THAT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE
EXERCISE (AGREED UPON BEFORE HIS DESIGNATION) ARE INHERENTLY
CUMBERSOME AND DILATORY. I GATHER THAT THIS
REFERS IN PARTICULAR TO A REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
AND REPLIES FROM EACH SIDE. BUSTAMANTE DOES
NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO GET DOWN WITH THE PARTIES TO
SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF THE POINTS AT DISPUTE UNTIL OCTOBER OR
NOVEMBER. I ALSO GATHER THAT THE DECISION TO POSTPONE HIS
VISIT TO THE DISPUTED AREAS WAS TAKEN IN PART IN ORDER TO CARRY
OUT THAT INSPECTION UNDER MORE FAVORABLE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.
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2. WITH RESPECT TO THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN HONDURAS,
OUSTAMANTE WAS AT FIRST INCLINED TO DELAY THIS INITIAL
TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA. BUT APPARENTLY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
HAVE URGED HIM TO KEEP THE SCHEDULE. AS OF THURSDAY EVENING
HE STILL PLANNED TO TRAVEL AUGUST 13.

3. COMMENT: I HAVE SEEN THE EX-PRESIDENT AT A NUMBER OF RECEPTIONS RECENTLY (THIS IS NATIONAL-DAY SEASON AND HE NEVER MISSES ONE) AND I LUNCHEDED WITH HIM RECENTLY. HE REMAINS LUCID AND SHARP, BUT QUITE FRAIL PHYSICALLY. HE IS CURRENTLY MOST PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS WIFE'S SERIOUSLY DECLINING HEALTH.
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